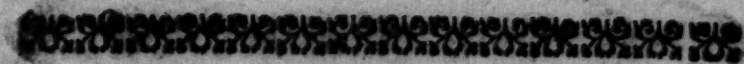
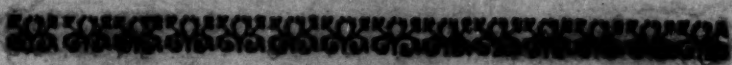


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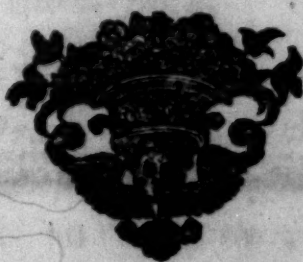
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—When your ROYAL MASTER wants you,
You shall serve him, my Boys; you cannot
serve a Nobler:

I have served him: I've with this Tongue
proclaimed

His Right, even in the Face of *Rank Rebellion*:
And when a FOUL-MOUTH'D TRAYTOR
once profan'd

His SACRED NAME, with my good Sabre
drawn,

Ev'n at the Head of all his giddy Rout
I rush'd, and Clove the REBELL to the Chine.

Friends and Countrymen,



OW much more worthy
Praise is the well-timed,
honest Zeal of good Acasto
to an audacious, insolent
Villain, in the above Speech,
than the undeserved Mercy shewn to a

much more *infamous, inveterate one* of our Day; who has made it most evident, that save a *Rogue* from the *Gallows* and he will certainly be the first to cut your *Throat*.

But to pass from so *cursor*y an *Observation*, to what is of much greater *Concern* to us all; he among you, who is not convinced that the most *execrable Expedients* are practising to bring upon us *national Calamities*, and *destroy* the *Constitution*, let him read the *Craftsman* December 8. or indeed almost any *Craftsman*; each of those insolent *Papers* being now equally levelled at *Majesty* and the *Ministry*.

The *constant, the unjust, the indecent Treatment* of the *Administration*, has led on the most *impious Attempts* upon *M A J E S T Y* itself; and it is too great an *Indication* of *national Virtue* being too much *sunk* among us, that such *Enemies* to the *Prosperity, Peace and Ho-*
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nour of their King and Country are not the Objects of our universal Detestation.

Should publick Incendiaries be able to carry Matters to Extremity, as at present they seem resolved to do, many fatal Consequences must ensue; and for some time perhaps the Guiltless and the Guilty would be thereby involved in equal Calamity and Distress; yet such an Event could not be without its Benefits to a Nation harrassed by Enemies, who are Sapping the Foundations of their Country's Happiness, and are endeavouring to through it into Confusion: Enemies who are perpetually arraigning the mild, righteous Government of their Lawful Sovereign; and treating the Sacred Persons of their Majesties with traiterous Insolence and Disrespect.

Can any Wickedness be greater! These Men have sworn the Destruction of the Minister, and rather than come short of their execrable Oath they would join to it that of the Protestant Succession, and

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chuse, rather than not advance themselves, to deprive us all of the *Blessings* we enjoy under the *best of Princes* that ever sat upon a Throne.

Their pretence to *publick Good* is a *stale Device*; a *Sham* that has been *ten Thousand times* practised by *Knaves* to delude the *Ignorant and Weak*, and cover the *black Designs* of *Traytors*: though what lengths soever such *desperate Men* may go, 'tis not possible for them to raise any *Apprehensions* where they would be glad to raise the *greatest*; for the *worst Event* in their Power to produce, is the *last Event* that will ever be feared by a *just, and a wise Government*.

Were the *Guilty* only to suffer by coming to such an *Extremity*, none need care how soon they brought it upon their own Heads: was it not solely for the sake of *honest Men*, who are sensible of the *Blessings* of the present *Reign*, and *sincerely Love* their *Country*; who are heartily grieved at the *unnatural ferment*.

ferment among us, which has been wholly occasioned by the malicious Misrepresentations of a few implacable Men; how much were it even to be wished, that Justice by the Sword might take place, to the extirpating these Disturbers of the Nation's Peace, whose unparall'd Insolence bids Defiance to all Laws, divine and human.

Though certainly it cannot be owing to any Defect in our Constitution, that the most villanous Insults are offered the Throne with Impunity; that neither his Majesty or his Royal Consort escape the weekly Revilings of invenom'd, treasonable Pens; and are become almost the constant Mark at which an ungrateful, pardoned Rebel, and his perfidious Adherents level their tainted Shafts.

Were we to examine what Cause they can possibly have for such their unprecedented Insolencies and Rancour, and enter upon the Behaviour of their Prince, how much more black and odious

still would they appear? Could *honest Men of any Denomination* think without *horror* of a *Union* with such *notorious Enemies* to the *Kingdom*, who are *striking* at all that as *Britons, Freemen and Protestants* ought to be dear to us?

His Majesty desiring to *establish* an *Empire* in the *Hearts and Affections* of his *People*, is offering *Happiness* to our *Acceptance*; and was it not for the *Ill-Blood*, wholly *caused* among us, by the *Baseness and Treachery* of one who *owes his Life*, and of an other who *owes his Fortune* to the *Favour* of the *Crown*, with a few *disappointed, revengeful Men* their *Confederates*; under his *Majesties auspicious Reign* we might be as *Happy* as a *Prince* could render us, whose *Conduct* makes it *Evident*, that the *good* of his *Subjects* is his *greatest Glory*, and whose *one grand, constant Aim*, is to *advance and establish* their *Prosperity*.

How

How shocking is it to find *her Majesty* most inveterately pointed at in the *treasonable Invectives* of these *Malig-nants*: A *Princess* of consummate *Wisdom* and *Virtue*; to whom we stand indebted for an *illustrious Progeny*, not to be equalled in the *World*; who are rever'd by all who wish well to *Liberty*, the *Pro-
testant Cause*, and desire the *Happiness* of *Britain*: Who to the *endless Honour* of their *Royal Instructors*, are by *Ex-
ample* and *Precept* formed for all that is *great and good*; to become *publick Orna-
ments*, and *publick Blessings* to *Christen-
dom*; and if the most *extensive Good-
ness*, if all the *Perfections* that ever adorned a *Royal Mind*; if the most *amiable Conduct* in *publick* and *private Life* could have proved a *Protection*, *her Majesty* had been secure from all *Attempts* to interrupt her *repose*. But *Excellence* and *Worth* are the *constant Butts* of their *Malice*; who seem determined not to stick at any *Villany* to compass their *base and traiterous Designs*.

And now may we be allowed to ask ; is it for want of good *Laws*, or for want of the *due Execution* of them, that these *impious Attempts* to alienate the *Affections* of their *Majesties Subjects* pass without *Punishment* ? No : Both these are quite out of the Question. 'Tis owing alone to that *Goodness* and *Lenity* which these *Men* so grossly, so constantly abuse, that they are *allowed to go on*; and not *crushed*, as they easily might be, by being made *publick Instances* of *national Justice* as they ought to be.

When infamous BOLLINGBROKE was in Place, *Reflections* upon himself, or his then *Mistress*, met with very different returns ; and the *Authors* of them were treated with the utmost *Severity* that his persecuting Spirit could possibly suggest ; his usage of *Authors*, *Publishers* and *Printers* for even defending the *Protestant Succession* itself, against his own villanous *Attempts* to defeat it, is still fresh in our *Memories* : But what in the present Day would

would be but *necessary Justice*, would have been the *hight of Wickedness and Cruelty* in him; and *in a word*, unless the *Law* is allowed to *take place* against a *stubborn inveterate Faction*, who would be finding their *Account in a publick Confusion*, and are therefore endeavouring to *involve their Country* in all the *Calamities of a Civil War*, we may fully expect to find them in order to it, entering upon every *Method* their *intense Hatred* to the *present Government* can farther prompt them to, in hopes of *enflaming the People*, with *groundless Jealousies* and *Fears*; and of lessening their *Sovereign in the Eyes of his Subjects*.

What *Contempt and Indignation* must it *cause*, to hear an *insolent Libeller* calling himself and an *envious inconsiderable Caball* ---- *The People* : ---- To hear *one of the worst of Men*, and the most *infamous Minister* that ever this *Kingdom* was *curst* with, imposing his own *villanous Assertions* upon the *World*,

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in hopes of making them pass for the
Sense of the People.

Did ever *Minister* labour under the
Load of *universal Hatred*? it could be
none but *himself*: Was ever *Minister*
detested by every *honest Man* in *Britain*?
it was *BOLLINGBROKE*: Is he
not the *Man* whose *Conduct* when in
Power we review with *Horror*; whose
Name shall be transmitted to latest
Posterity with *Infamy*?

His *contaminated Hands* have been
deeply drenched in *Blood*; and he has en-
tailed upon *himself* the *Abhorrence* of
Mankind for *Injuries* offered to other *Nations*,
as well as *his own*; *Europe* feels,
and for *Ages* may feel the *fatal Effects* of
his *Wicked Administration*.

Certainly *Vengeance* from *God* and
MAN, awaits him who is loaded with
Crimes; and adds to *publick Villanies*,
a *Baseness* not mixed with the least *De-
gree of Gratitude, Generosity or Honour*:
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Though should he not meet with it from MAN; through *his Majesties* excess of Goodness, should the *Sword of publick Justice* be restrained, and the *Reward* of his renewed Treasons against his *Sovereign* not be given him yet what can with-hold the *Hand of Heaven*? the *Blood* of the betrayed, sacrificed Catalans, and of his own murdered Countrymen at Canada, is yet unrevenged; but is incessantly crying for *Vengeance*, and will never cease to cry, till 'tis appeased by the *Blood* of the Murderer.

How just, and how serviceable at the same Time, would an *Act of Justice* be, upon so notorious an *Enemy* to his KING and COUNTRY? But let him not meet *Retribution* at home; he may be hanged in *Effigy*, but let him not here be Executed in reality. No: Oh! my Soul: No: Let us Transport him a little: Let us but send him to the honest Catalans; what a Devil would they make of him? They

They would do him *Justice* with a *Witness*: They would soon shew us our **PATRIOT** in his *proper Colours*:

Would they *suffer* their *Destroyer*, their *infamous Betrayer*, who *sold* and *enslaved* them to live among them, and *allow* him, *as we do*, with *impunity* to be *Projecting* that *farther Distress* of his *Country* in *private*, which he *only* wants the *Power* *publickly* to effect.

No: They would soon oblige him to the *only Attonement* he is *capable* of; and upon that *Altar* on which they *hung up* the *infamous Treaty* of *Utrecht*, by way of *appeal* to a *righteous God*, against the *perfidious Peace-Makers*, they would take a *swift*, a *deserved Revenge*; and render him an *acceptable Offering* to the *Manes* of their *brave*, their *gallant Ancestors*, who *died* in *Defence* of *those Liberties* he was the *Destruction* of.

My Countrymen: Let us *speak out*, and *speak boldly*; 'tis time to do so:
shall

shall we be afraid of a publick Enemy, afraid to speak when we see an infamous Traytor not afraid to strike at the King himself; and at our most valuable Interests?

There can be no Indecencies to such a one; no Language can be too harsh for him; 'tis not possible to injure him; his Hand is against every honest Man in the Kingdom; and was it in his Power the Sword would be at their Throats; the Hand of every honest Man should therefore be against him; and it must be through a national Defection, beyond what GOD ever allowed to take place among any People, but among those whom he was determined to Destroy, should this Nation be brought to espouse a Man whose diffusive Treachery has rendered him detested throughout Christendom; and whose unparallel'd Crimes infinitely exceed the Power of human Justice to retaliate.

It certainly can be no Difficulty with the Impartial Part of Mankind to determine

mine whether this *Man*, who has been false to all *Sides*, and fled the *Justice* of his *Country*; who was never engaged in a good *Cause*; but has incessantly endeavoured to ruine the best; who, through the *Couric* of a publick *Life* was every day doing something deserving the *GALLOWS*: “ Did he not by such Conduct
 “ plead guilty to the publick *Arraignment*,
 “ confess the worse that can be suggested
 “ against him; prove himself a convicted
 “ *Criminal*, and ought to be treated as
 “ such - - - -

Or whether the *Honourable Person* rather does so; whose *Behaviour* has been the *Reverse* to all these; - - - - who has been invariably attached to the *Interest* of his *Country*, and always ready to submit his *Actions* to a publick *Enquiry*; - - - - who has stood the *Test*, and been subjected to the most critical *Examinations*, even to the strictest, the most envious *Searches* and *Researches*; who has given his *Enemies* as many *Tears* as they could possibly *Desire*, to make out any
 Charge

Charge against him, if there were any to be made out, without flying to the Throne for Indemnity : Defying for an Age their intense implacable Malice, and at last desiring no other Security than what the Laws of his Country, and the Constitution he has eminently been the Support of, will afford him.

But how virulent soever they may appear against the Minister, 'tis all exceeded by the infernal Rage they at present discover towards his Royal Master; and perhaps there never was so barefaced, impudent an Insult offered the Throne, by any Faction this Nation ever produced, unless in open Rebellion, than what has within a few Days been furnished by this impious Man and his Adherents.

What Returns may be made to such Matchless Insolence, by those who have the care of the Community committed to them, we shall leave for the Event to reveal; and in the mean time beg leave to attempt the Defeating the evil Designs

of *these People*, by making their *Wickedness*, contrary to their Intention, *subservient* to the *Security* and *Happiness* of the *Publick*.

You may now, *Friends* and *Countrymen*, see what *these People* would be at : Could nothing else open your Eyes, certainly such *Conduēt* as this would do it : have they not made it Evident to every *sensible Man* in the Nation, that they have entered upon the most *desperate Designs* ; and that they would even *Destroy* the *Constitution* itself, rather than not *make way* for *themselves* ?

And into this *execrable Conspiracy*, they would draw the *Whigs* and *Dissenters* : They have *ten thousand* Times wished the *Whigs* and *Dissenters* at the *Dev--l* ; they have always *persecuted* and *oppressed* them whenever it was in their *Power* ; and yet they have the *Modesty* to think the *Whigs* and *Dissenters*, not only so *weak* as to be made *Tools* of by them at *Pleasure* ; and to be *deluded* and
inveigled

inviegled into Measures which must in the End prove ruinous to themselves ; but so ungrateful and wicked as to be willing to assist in distressing their old, their only Friends ; and in Destroying that Establishment, which alone can secure and advance the Prosperity of their Country.

But God forbid that a Whig or a Dissenter, or any other honest Man in Britain, should be so deceived ; that they may not, they certainly cannot have or want a more prevailing Motive to be upon their Guard against Wiles and Delusions ; or more strong Engagements to discharge what they owe to God and their Country, to themselves and their Posterity at this critical Juncture, than what the very Persons who would pervert and corrupt them, have thus involuntarily supplied them with.

Is there a Whig or Dissenter, is there an upright Man in the Nation that would join a Faction, which thus impiously attacks the King himself ? Should those who have

have been, and may be infinitely obliged to the Protestant Succession, side with, or give the least Encouragement to those, who would not only depreciate, but deprive us of the inestimable Blessings, how worthy or valuable soever they might be, before, they would for ever after be infamous.

But not any thing like this is to be apprehended: No: Let those who love Liberty, and its surest Defence, act but as they always have acted, but as they may answer it to God and the World, and the mutual Happiness of the King and his People, their Interests are inseparable, must be established upon the most lasting Foundations.

And as we need not doubt, but that they who in the most critical, hazardous Times have shewn themselves Men of great uprightness, discernment and worth, will in the Approaching, and every other Day of Tryal, behave with Wisdom, and Honour; so we may

may be assured, notwithstanding innumerable feints to heap up the Spirits of a Party, that as they have, by unprecedented Outrages and Malice, rendered themselves odious to the valuable, sober Part of the Kingdom; so their Impotency will at length, by their continued Disappointments, be so fully discovered, as to make them thoroughly the Objects of our national Contempt and Derision.

I am,

Gentlemen,

With all possible Respect

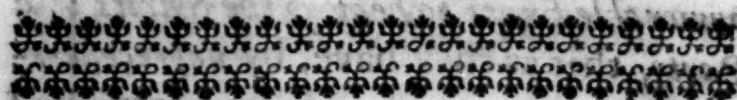
And Sincerity,

Your Devoted,

Humble Servant

THE AUTHOR

Dec. 26th 1733.



P O S T S C R I P T.

BEFORE I quite part with you,
My Friends, give me leave just to
 shew you how you are *already* treated by
 the *honest Gentlemen*, who have *all of the*
Sudden been seized with so *egregious* an
Affection for you ; and from thence judge
 how you are like to be treated by them
 for the future.

Pray be so good as to look into *Fogg's*
Journal of Saturday the 15th ; that *Mouth*,
 of the *Faction*, or rather one of the
Canals which conveys their *Filth* and
Venome to the World.

He has *opened* a little too *soon*, and
 much *fuller* and *sooner* than his *Masters*
 will *thank* him for, yet *certainly* the
Dissenters ought to *thank* him for the
Discovery ;

Discovery; for he has *this once* acted with *Sincerity* towards them; and *honestly* spoke the *Sense* of the *whole Party*.

While *these People* flattered themselves with hopes that it was in their power to draw off the *Dissenters* from their *Friends*; and make them *false* to their *own Interests*, they *caressed* them, *fawn'd* on them, said the *best Things* of them, and the *kindest Things* to them; whole *Papers* and *Pamphlets* were filled with their *Praises*, till every *wise Man* among them began to *nauseate* the *fulsome Sycophancies*; but no sooner have any of the *Dissenters* asserted their own *good Sense*; shewn they have an *Integrity* not to be *corrupted*; and that they are not to be made *Tools*, and a *Stalking-Horse* of, but these *Deluders* immediately fall upon them, and would *publickly Insult* and *Stigmatize* them.

Their *Reproaches*, it is true, are as yet chiefly confined to the *Westminster*

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Dissenters ; but from their behaviour to these, every Dissenter in England may know what to expect in the like Circumstances.

To examine what may have caused the Indignation of the Faction to burst out so violently against these Westminster Gentlemen : Pray what have they done ? What is their Crime ? Oh ! They have committed Crimes of an unpardonable nature. " On Wednesday the 5th at Night a
 " considerable Number of Protestant Dis-
 " senters, who are House-Keepers in the
 " City and Liberty of Westminster, met at
 " the Lebecks-Head Tavern in Chandois,
 " street, where having drank the
 " Healths of the King, the Queen, the
 " Royal Family, and the Prince of
 " Orange, &c. they concluded with the
 " Healths of the Right Honourable Sir
 " Charles Wager, and the Honourable
 " William Clayton, Esq; unanimously re-
 " solving to give their Votes and Interests
 " to those two Gentlemen at the approach-
 " ing Election for Westminster ; and desi-
 " ring

“ring all their Friends and Brethren
 “would do the like.

And can there be a *Complication* of more *heinous Offences* than these? These *Gentlemen* drank the *Healts* of that *Royal Family*, which many of the *Faction* are *notoriously* disaffected to, and which to a Man have with *implacable enmity* been endeavouring to *deprive* of the *Affections* of the *People*. The Health of *W--d--m* and *S--p--n*, and *P--h--y* and *C---t*, were forgot ; and of a *whole* *Crowpe* more; with that of a *Viscount*, no Man has yet been found so abandoned as to drink :

But the *finishing Stroke* has struck the *Party a-la-mort*, and seems to cut them to the *Quick*. In spite of *infinite Defamings*, and all the *unmanly, despicable Artifices* to *Decoy* the *Dissenters*, they have behaved *worthy themselves*, deserving the *Esteem* of all good Men, and set an *Example* which will *undoubtedly* be followed by their *Brethren*, and it is *hoped* by every *honest Man* in *England*.

They have *unanimously determined to espouse the Interest of two Gentlemen at the approaching Election for Westminster, who are known to be Gentlemen of the utmost Probity and Worth, of the fairest Characters in publick, as well as of the most amiable ones in private Life; who have always testified the sincerest Love to our present happy Establishment, and their Country; and whose Extensive Experience, and thorough Knowledge of our Constitution, make most capable of serving their Country.*

And where ever the Candidates come up in a proper Degree to this Character, 'tis the Recommendation, 'tis evidently the Request of these Gentlemen, that the Body of their Dissenting Brethren through the Kingdom would appear and Vote for such; as it would indeed be their reproach to do otherwise.

Thus have the Dissenters in Westminster acted, thus has their Practice corresponded with their avowed Principles; with their love of civil and religious Liberty

Liberty, and with that warmth of Affection which they always have shewn, and always will shew to those who are known to be unfeignedly in the Interest of both.

This Conduct, and indeed no less could be expected from it, has raised the Disgust and Resentment of the People, as a wretched Confederacy would fain be called; but it was not thought they would so soon have shewed their Teeth as they have done; they have upon this Occasion scurrilously abused, not a few Dissenters in Westminster only, but thro' their Sides, all the Dissenters in the Kingdom. They have represented them as a corrupted Crew; a generation of Vipers, as they have many thousand times called and treated them, who are setting themselves up to Sale; have represented them as ready to prostitute their Consciences for gain, as those who would sell their Country, their King, or their God for Gold, and are wholly to be swayed by Corruption and Bribery.*

* See Foggs Journal, Dec. 11.

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Thus have a *Company* of *Gentlemen* of *unstained Reputations*, who *enjoy* and *highly deserve* the *Esteem* of good *Men*, been *defamed* and *abused* only for *acting* according to their *Consciences*; and for *espousing* that *Interest* which every *Gentleman*, who is a *Friend* to *Liberty* and his *Country*, will *undoubtedly* think himself *equally concerned* in the like *Case*, as *effectually* to *espouse* and *support* in other *places*.

To use these *defamers* words for it the *Dissenters* will *all do*, as *some* of their *Brethren* have done, for the like *Considerations*: - - - Yes: 'Tis to be hoped *they will*; and that every *Whig* in *Britain* will follow their *Example*: How would such a *Behaviour* at once *destroy* the *hopes* of *Traytors*, and *establiſh* our *publick Tranquility* beyond the *Power* of the most *implacable Incendiaries* ever to *impair*.

Sameness of *Sentiments*, will, without *Dispute*, produce a *considerable Conformity*

mity of Action; and the Considerations which prevailed among the Westminster Gentlemen, it may be depended upon, will be inducements of equal force to every judicious, conscientious Dissenter through the Kingdom.

But then what were these *Considerations*; not the *unworthy, base Motives* that these their *Traducers* have so often been found under the *Influence* of themselves; it was not *sordid, selfish Views*, not any *wicked, scandalous Traffick* that engaged a *valuable Body* of the *Dissenters* unanimously to resolve to appear, and to desire all their *Friends* would do the same, for two *Gentlemen* greatly deserving their *Favour and Affection*: No: They are actuated by *nobler Principles*: 'Tis *Merit* alone weighs with them: They have the *general Good* sincerely at Heart; the *Establishment of Liberty and Truth*, the *Peace and Prosperity of Britain*; and the *lasting, mutual Satisfaction and Security* of their *Sovereign* and his *Subjects*, are the *constant, steady Aim* of all their *Actions*. To

To Conclude : These People may ring what Changes they will upon Corruption and Bribery, and be incessantly scurrilous abusive and base ; we know to what Account to place the whole ; Let us remember that there never was a Minister in this or any other Nation so infamous a corruptor, or so infamously corrupted as that insidious, miscreant Minister BOLLINGBROKE ; who betrayed his Country, bribed and bullied the Parliament, broke the publick Faith, brought Dishonour upon the Nation ; and at length sold her to her worst Enemy : And as we ought to remember these, so let us be careful not to forget, that as this is the Man who distressed, and would have destroyed the Dissenters, so this detestable Man alone, and the Faction he Directs, are the only Persons who are for breaking the Whig Interest, and are thus early reproaching and villifying the Dissenters.

F I N I S.



